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REMARKS

Applicants have made the foregoing amendments to place the PCT application text in customary US format, so that all the claims can be considered on their merits. All multiple dependencies have been cancelled. Claims 37-38 have been cancelled, and a new claim 39 has been added. Most of the foreign documents (or their English equivalents) mentioned in the specification are included in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith. New specification pages 1 & 1A, which identify the corresponding US cases owned by Papst and which paraphrase claims 1 and 11 instead of referring to their content, are enclosed herewith.

If the Patent Office notes any remaining informalities which would prevent or hinder examination on the merits, a telephone call to Applicants' counsel is requested.

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